

particular approach to their patients' needs. The first cadre of 6L students are about to finish their residency training. Their selection of the types of settings where they choose to practice will be tracked.

In clinical medicine and medical education, innovations undergo a rigorous period of testing before earning a place in the curriculum. After five years, the 6L program has survived this initial testing and has become a focus for new ideas in clinical teaching. Success is attributed to the support of the communities, the medical school administration, the clinical departments and the invaluable volunteer efforts of the clinical faculty. Above all, the program is succeeding because some of the best students in the medical school have absorbed the principles of problem-based learning and are now taking ownership of their clerkship training.

Alzheimer's Association Provides Physicians with Ethics Fact Sheets

"You have Alzheimer's disease." For a patient and his family, these words can be frightening and life-altering. For a physician, these words can pose many ethical issues. "How and when should I tell my patient?" "Should I tell his family first?" "What questions are they likely to ask me?"

To help physicians and caregiving teams handle these and other difficult ethical questions they may face when caring for individuals with Alzheimer's disease, the Alzheimer's Association has created a helpful fact sheet series called "Ethical Considerations." These materials have been adapted from a research study conducted by Stephen Post, PhD and Peter Whitehouse, MD, PhD, both of Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland.

The Alzheimer's Association is the only national voluntary health organization dedicated to research, and to providing support and assistance to people with Alzheimer's disease, their families and caregivers. Founded in 1980, the Association works through a network of more than 200 chapters across the country. The Association's most recognized educational program is its National Alzheimer's Disease Education Conference, which is expected to draw more than 1,500 Alzheimer health care professionals to Chicago in July.

The first two fact sheets in the series, "Issues in Diagnostic Disclosure" and "Issues in Death and Dying" are now available to physicians and other health care professionals by calling 1(800) 272-3900 or the Hawaii Alzheimer's Association Chapter at 591-2771.

I Can do That

by Robert Flowers MD

*Whenever you shrink from a task never think
The assignment asks more than you've got—
Just stand on your toes, take a breath, snort your nose
And give it your very best shot!
Just whisper this mantra that's absolute "contra"
To Forces that freeze where you're at—
A short phrase that hurls us to undreamt of worlds
It's simple—say, "I can do that!"*

We all start out small among people so tall
A lot like a small little shrimp
But unless self esteem is totally redeemed
We'll walk through this life with a limp.

God who is gracious said, "Just be audacious."
"You're children I love and begat—"
"I planted the seed—you have what you need"
"Four words—just say, "I can do that!"

A thread pure as gold holds us all, I am told,
We're brothers and sisters in spirit
And yet there's another, dear sister and brother,
That four worded phrase—can you hear it?

"I can do that," said the rookie at bat
Having just watched the slugger, Babe Ruth.
He stretched his bat back, then we heard the loud CRACK
Lou Gehrig turned fancy to truth.

A young island vessel once watched "Sumo's" wrestle
And saw giants thrown from the ring.
Chad ate all his rice and mumbled it twice—
His "I can do that," made him king.

And I in my task to correct often ask,
"Can I make this deformed part look good?"
Then I search deep inside me for the source that can guide me
And a "yes!" lets me know that I could!

With these words here before you, and humbly implore you
Adventure—and never stand pat.
Embrace what God gave you—
Five words that can "save" you—
"Audacity" and "I can do that!"

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A short phrase that lifts us, empowers and gifts us
Let's say it now, "I can do that!"*